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FOLLOWING REPEAT LISBON 2406 ACTION SECSTATE INFO
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DEPT PLEASE PASS USCINCEUR AND USNMR SHAPE BRUSSELS

E.O. 11652: GDS
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1. I DO NOT SEE ANY WAY IN WHICH GOP IS LIKELY BE HELPFUL IN
BRINGING SPAIN MORE CLOSELY INTO NORTHERN ATLANTIC POLITICAL AND
MILITARY FRAMEWORK. MOREOVER, GIVEN BASIC PORTUGUESE SUSPICION
OF USG MOTIVES, ANY APPROACH BY US ON THIS SUBJECT IS LIKELY TO
BE INTERPRETED AS A MANEUVER DESIGNED TO INFLUENCE INTERNAL
PORTUGUESE EVENTS. THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN PRESS SPECULATION THAT
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USG IS SEEKING SPANISH ENTRY INTO NATO "AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR

PORTUGAL."

2. IT IS ALSO DIFFICULT TO FIGURE OUT WHO TO APPROACH WITHIN
GOP ON THIS SUBJECT. RAISING IT TO PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL WOULD
HEIGHTEN SUSPICIONS; PRIME MINISTER WILL CERTAINLY NOT BE HELPFUL
AND FONSECA MELO ANTUNES HAS NOT YET ESTABLISHED HIMSELF
SUFFICIENTLY IN FOREIGN MINISTRY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO TAKE
ON AN ISSUE AS TOUCHY AS THIS ONE.

3. FINALLY I QUESTION WHETHER IT IS WISE AT THIS POINT TO
BRING GOP INTO A DEBATE ON THE NATURE OF NATO. IF AT OUR INSTIGATION
THEY BEGIN TO FOCUS ON THIS KIND OF DEBATE THEIR VIEWS
ARE
LIKELY TO BE UNHELPFUL.

4. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE MY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE NOT RAISE
SUBJECT WITH GOP AT THIS TIME.
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